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**U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK HONORED WITH MULTIPLE DIRECTOR'S AWARDS**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that nine members of the Southern District received awards from the Department of Justice. The Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys recognized the nine for their litigation accomplishments. Mr. GARCIA said, "The recipients, both as individuals and as representatives of this Office, exemplify the best of public service: unparalleled dedication to doing good for our country, accompanied by an impressive ability to accomplish that goal."

Assistant United States Attorneys DAVID B. ANDERS, WILLIAM F. JOHNSON, BONNIE JONAS, KATHERINE R. GOLDSTEIN, DANNA DRORI, NICOLE GUERON, and Paralegal Specialist KATHERINE HANCE, along with FBI Special Agents PAUL J. HIGGINS, RICHARD T. JACOBS, ADAM S. ROESER, and PHILIP M. SLINNEY, JR. received the *2005 Director's Award for Superior Performance by a Litigative Team* for their successful investigation, prosecution, and resolution of the WorldCom corporate fraud scandal, which included the trial of former WorldCom CEO Bernie Ebbers, as well as intricate issues of restitution and bankruptcy.

Assistant United States Attorney DAVID L. JAFFE and former Assistant United States Attorney MARC L. MUKASEY received the *2005 Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney* for their successful investigation and prosecution of a violent drug gang, the Larry Williams crew, a group responsible for murder and a multi-state crack distribution operation.

"Today we honor some of our best and brightest, some of our most talented and most dedicated," said Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales. "The men and women we honor today work tirelessly to protect the American people and to safeguard the promise of justice made to every generation. Their efforts are vital to the Justice

Department and to our Nation, and I thank them for their service and the sacrifices they make every day."

The 22nd Annual Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director's Awards Ceremony was held today, during which 123 award recipients were recognized for their excellence in law enforcement. Recipients included Assistant United States Attorneys, litigation and information technology support personnel, and others who have made outstanding contributions in federal, state, and local law enforcement.

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